

Darcy Byrne Inner West Mayor



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Dear Friends,

I'm writing to let you know that Inner West Council is extending our successful FOGO Food Recycling Service into all schools and Council run early learning centres in the Inner West.

This expansion follows the successful roll out of food recycling to every Inner West household over the past 12 months. Inner West Council has collected 17,546 tonnes of FOGO in the first year of operation, far above what was anticipated. That's the equivalent of saving 36,848 tonnes of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere.

Now we need your help to continue the extraordinary work our community is doing to divert avoidable waste and tackle climate change.

Our kids are learning about sustainability every day in school and now they'll have the opportunity to get valuable hands-on experience about diverting waste from landfill and turning their food waste into valuable compost for our farmers.

The new service for schools and early learning centres follows a survey conducted by Council that showed strong support from educators, students and parents who want food recycling implemented to help with education about sustainability.

Council is now offering two FOGO green bins to each school and childcare centre to allow for a weekly collection as part of the weekly residential collection.

We know a lot of food waste in our schools ends up in landfill, and this will go a long way to diverting more food scraps from landfill in the Inner West. We know good waste practices start both at home and at school and when it comes to managing our waste better, kids and young people are often our teachers.

Expanding FOGO to schools and early learning centres will ensure new generations of young people learn the benefits of FOGO and normalises the good work of diverting food scraps from landfill.

We will be calling you about the program but you can register your interest now by sending the details of your Principal or co-ordinating teacher to rethink.waste@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darcy Byrne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Darcy Byrne
Inner West Mayor